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# U.S. District Court District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01673-TJK

NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Assigned to: Judge Timothy J. Kelly Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 07/16/2018 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

**Information Act** 

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

#### **Plaintiff**

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| Date Filed | # | Docket Text  |
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| 07/16/2018 | 1 | COMPLAINT against UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–5589518) filed by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1, # 2 Exhibit 2, # 3 Exhibit 3, # 4 Exhibit 4, # 5 Exhibit 5, # 6 Exhibit 6, # 7 Exhibit 7, # 8 Civil Cover Sheet, # 9 |

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|            |           | Summons)(Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 07/16/2018)   |
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| 07/16/2018 | 2         | LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 07/16/2018)  |
| 07/16/2018 |           | Case Assigned to Judge Timothy J. Kelly. (zsth) (Entered: 07/17/2018)   |
| 07/17/2018 | 3         | SUMMONS (1) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Attachments: # 1 Notice and Consent)(zsth) (Entered: 07/17/2018)  |
| 07/23/2018 | 4         | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 7/23/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 8/22/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 07/23/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION served on 7/20/2018 (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit A)(Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 07/23/2018) |
| 08/13/2018 | <u>5</u>  | NOTICE of Appearance by Jason Todd Cohen on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 08/13/2018)  |
| 08/13/2018 | <u>6</u>  | Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 08/13/2018)  |
| 08/13/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>6</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Answer or Otherwise Respond to Complaint. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's complaint by September 21, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 8/13/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 08/13/2018)  |
| 09/21/2018 | 7         | ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.(Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 09/21/2018)   |
| 09/21/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by October 19, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 9/21/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 09/21/2018)  |
| 09/24/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule or Disclosure due by 10/19/2018. (kh) (Entered: 09/24/2018)   |
| 10/19/2018 | 8         | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 10/19/2018)  |
| 10/22/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: Upon review of the <u>8</u> Joint Status Report filed by the parties, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another joint status report by November 19, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 10/22/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 10/22/2018)   |
| 11/01/2018 | 9         | MOTION for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice :Attorney Name—Robyn K. Bitner, :Firm—National Student Legal Defense Network, :Address—1015 15th Street NW Suite 600, Washington DC 20005. Phone No. — (202) 734—7495. Filing fee \$ 100, receipt number 0090—5770419. Fee Status: Fee Paid. by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Attachments: # 1 Affidavit Bitner, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 11/01/2018)   |
| 11/05/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER granting Plaintiff's 9 Motion for Leave to Appear Pro Hac Vice. Attorney Robyn K. Bitner is hereby admitted pro hac vice to appear in this matter. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 11/5/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 11/05/2018)   |
| 11/19/2018 | <u>10</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 11/19/2018)  |
| 11/20/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' 10 Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by December 19, 2018. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 11/20/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 11/20/2018)  |

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| 12/19/2018 | 11        | Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 12/19/2018)  |
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| 12/21/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report by January 18, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 12/21/2018. (lctjk3) (Entered: 12/21/2018)                          |
| 01/08/2019 | <u>12</u> | MOTION to Stay by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Coles–Huff, Doris) (Entered: 01/08/2019)  |
| 01/10/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties' next joint status report, currently due by January 18, 2019, shall instead be due by February 8, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 1/10/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 01/10/2019)   |
| 01/28/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER denying Defendant's 12 Motion to Stay. Given the restoration of funding to the Department of Justice, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's motion to stay the case is DENIED AS MOOT. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 1/28/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 01/28/2019) |
| 01/30/2019 | <u>13</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Bitner, Robyn) (Entered: 01/30/2019)  |
| 02/01/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by March 1, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 2/1/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 02/01/2019)                               |
| 03/01/2019 | <u>14</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Bitner, Robyn) (Entered: 03/01/2019)  |
| 03/01/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by April 1, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 3/1/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 03/01/2019)                               |
| 04/01/2019 | <u>15</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. (Bitner, Robyn) (Entered: 04/01/2019)  |
| 04/02/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report by June 3, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 4/2/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 04/02/2019)                                |
| 04/30/2019 | <u>16</u> | NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEARANCE as to NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK. Attorney Martha Upton Fulford terminated. (Upton Fulford, Martha) (Entered: 04/30/2019)  |
| 05/23/2019 | <u>17</u> | MOTION to Compel by NATIONAL STUDENT LEGAL DEFENSE NETWORK (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Bitner, Robyn) Modified event title on 5/28/2019 (znmw). (Entered: 05/23/2019)   |
| 06/03/2019 | <u>18</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 06/03/2019)  |
| 06/05/2019 | <u>19</u> | Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>17</u> MOTION to Compel by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (Cohen, Jason) (Entered: 06/05/2019)  |
| 06/05/2019 |           | MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's 19 Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall file its response to Plaintiff's 17 Motion to Compel by June 13, 2019. Signed by Judge Timothy J. Kelly on 6/5/2019. (lctjk3) (Entered: 06/05/2019)        |